



By the Mayor.

Whereas in Order to the Re-building of the City, and before any further Progress can be effectually made in that most Considerable Affair, it is of Absolute Necessity, that a Just Survey and Mensuration be had and taken of all Foundations of Houses and other Buildings, destroyed in the late Dismall Fire, for the stating and ascertaining of every ones Interest and Propriety: And to the making of this Survey and Admeasurement, it is as necessary that the said Foundations be first made clear and naked from Rubbish, without which no Artist can perform this Service to every Mans right and just satisfaction; which hitherto, how earnestly soever the same hath been pressed and perswaded by former Precepts, hath been almost totally neglected, to the great Discouragement of the Magistrates, and retarding of those Proceedings, which otherwise by Gods Blessing, His Majesties, and the Parliaments Favour and Assistance, and the Endeavours of good Citizens, had by this time far prevailed towards a beginning of this Work. Upon all which, My Self, and my Brethren the Aldermen, with the Commons in Common Council Assembled, seriously reflecting, and withal considering what further Discouragements, Damages, and Inconveniencies, more Delays and Loss of Time may bring upon this Affair; which needs to be quickened and kept in heart by Speedy, Active, and Vigorous Management and Prosecution: Having also Advised how the said Survey may be soonest taken, and with most Ease, least Charge, and fullest Security to every Proprietor; did Yesterday the Ninth Day of this instant October, Agree and Order:

First, That all Proprietors of the late Houses consumed by Fire, shall for the Purposes before-mentioned, cause the Foundations, every One of his Own House, to be cleared from Rubbish, and the Wicks and Stones of every such House, to be conveniently for his Own Use in Re-building, piled up, within Fourteen Dayes, now next ensuing.

Secondly, That the said Surveys and Admeasurement of Foundations be presently after such Avoidance and Clearing of the Rubbish, and Piling up of the Wicks and Stones, taken in hand, and carryed on with all Speed and Effect, by the Care and Management of Doctor Wren, and Mr. Hooke, Reader of the Mathematicks in Gresham Colledge (who are willing to undertake the same) in Concurrence with the City-Artificers, who are appointed to be assistant in this Service.

Thirdly; That there shall be allowed to the Surveyors who shall be assigned to every Ward, for the Survey and Measuring the said Foundations, and to the Clerk and Beadle, or other that shall be appointed to attend them for the orderly and methodical entering and registering the same Surveys and Measures, viz. for every Foundation Eighteen pence, to be paid by every respective Proprietor, and divided betwixt the said Surveyors, Clerks, and Beadles, or others, in such proportion as shall be agreed and directed by the said Undertakers. Nor is any man to be grieved, that there is the same rate and allowance made for small and lesser Houses, as there is for large and greater, considering that the trouble of Surveying and Registering a small House, is upon the matter, if not altogether, one and the same, or as much as of a greater: And that the rate is in it self so moderate and easie, that the least House without this care and provision, could not be Surveyed and Registered, but at a much greater charge.

Fourthly, and Lastly, That when the Surveyors shall begin in every Ward, timely notice thereof be given by the Surveyors, that all Proprietors may attend to evidence and assert their own Ground and Interest. And that the Alderman, Deputy, and Common-Councilmen (or some of them will be likewise present) may see to the indifferent and impartial carriage of the matter for every mans right and satisfaction.

I do therefore, by advise of my Brethren the Aldermen, hereby publish and declare the said Orders made in Common Council for the accelerating and promoting of this great Concernment; requiring in His Majesties Name, all persons concerned to apply themselves presently to the clearing of the said Rubbish, and in all other things to give their ready obedience to the said Orders and Directions, as they wish the restoration of the City to its former State and Glory, and the preservation of their own particular Right and Interest, (which must otherwise suffer) and will answer the contrary at their uttermost perills. Dated the 10th. day of October 1666.

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